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I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW BOB MURPHY HAS JUST ADVISED ME HE WILL ASK FOR RETIREMENT AT END OF MONTH, BUT WOULD HOPE TO STAY ON HERE UNTIL DECEMBER 1. THEREAFTER HE IS TAKING VERY ATTRACTIVE POSITION IN INDUSTRY. THIS DECISION IS FINAL.

I REALIZE THIS PRESENTS PROBLEMS FOR YOU IN THAT WE MUST CONSIDER CAREFULLY TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT YOUR RESIGNATION AND HIS. WE ARE URGENTLY CONSIDERING POSSIBLE CANDIDATES BUT WILL PROBABLY NOT HAVE ANYTHING FIRM BEFORE YOUR RETURN. OUR TENTATIVE THINKING IS THEREFORE TO ANNOUNCE BOB'S RESIGNATION EARLY NEXT WEEK TO BE FOLLOWED IN FEW DAYSBY ANNOUNCEMENT YOUR RESIGNATION.

LIVIE MERCHANT HAS SHOWN ME YOUR LETTER TO HIM OF OCTOBER 19. SINCE THEN, AS YOU ARE AWARE, TIMING OF WESTERN SUMMIT THIS MONTH OR EARLY NOVEMBER HAS RECEDED TO LATE NOVEMBER AT EARLIEST SO THAT UNFORTUNATELY YOUR EXCELLENT IDEA FOR GRACEFUL FADE OUT DOES NOT APPEAR FEASIBLE.

I WILL LET YOU KNOW AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IN ADVANCE OF WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT YOUR RESIGNATION UNLESS YOU SEE NEED FOR MORE NOTICE.

ALL THE BEST,

CHRIS.

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